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this task has been greatly aided by the passage of an act by the Commission which provides that every resident, foreign or otherwise, must be vaccinated upon the request of the board of health.

Great difficulty is being experienced in keeping the vaccine in a potent condition. The constant high temperature which prevails in the Islands renders the transportation of vaccine in a cool condition a very difficult problem. Small ice chests have been constructed, and it is hoped that with them the vaccine can be transported to even the remote portions of the Islands without losing its effectiveness. Yet, when it is considered that in many places only trails exist and that the vaccinator as well as the vaccine must be transported on the backs of animals, the difficulty of carrying out sanitary measures in the Philippines will be better understood.

Quarantine transactions, month of May, 1904.

PORT OF MANILA.

Bills of health issued:

To steamers for—	
United States ports	4
Foreign ports	45
Domestic ports	187
To sailing vessels for—	
United States ports	1
Foreign ports	1
Domestic ports	131
Total	369

Vessels inspected:

Steamers from—	
United States ports	8
Foreign ports	46
Domestic ports	194
Sailing vessels from—	
United States ports	3
Foreign ports	1
Domestic ports	120
Total	372

Passengers on arriving boats inspected:

On steamers—	
Cabin	1,668
Steerage	6,136
On sailing vessels—	
Cabin	3
Steerage	585
Total	8,392

Persons vaccinated:

On steamers—	
Crew	631
Passengers	0
On sailing vessels—	
Crew	433
Passengers	0
Total	1,064

Crew on arriving steamers inspected	10,422
Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected	1,132
Persons quarantined for observation, suspects, and contacts	295

Persons bathed and effects disinfected	719
Steamers remaining in quarantine from April	1
Sailing vessels remaining in quarantine from April	1
Steamers detained in quarantine	4
Sailing vessels detained in quarantine	1
Steamers disinfected	9
Sailing vessels disinfected	0
Steamers fumigated to exterminate vermin	28
Sailing vessels fumigated to exterminate vermin	12
Cases of quarantinable diseases detected on vessels:	
Cholera	1
Smallpox	4
Pieces of baggage disinfected on steamers	4,688
Pieces of baggage disinfected on sailing vessels	0
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed on steamers	377
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed on sailing vessels	0

(Outgoing.)

Vessels remaining in quarantine from April	0
Steamers sailing without quarantine inspected and passed	6
Sailing vessels sailing without quarantine inspected and passed	1
Steamers disinfected	3
Sailing vessels disinfected	1
Crew of steamers inspected	778
Crew of sailing vessels inspected	13
Passengers of steamers inspected	645
Passengers of sailing vessels inspected	0
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	1,092
Pieces of baggage disinfected	3,050
Pieces of baggage inspected and passed	2,629

PORT OF CEBU.

Bills of health issued:

To steamers for—	
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	3
Domestic ports	99
To sailing vessels for—	
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	1
Domestic ports	12
Total	115

Vessels inspected:

Steamers from—	
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	6
Domestic ports	117
Sailing vessels from—	
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	0
Domestic ports	297
Total	420

Passengers on arriving boats inspected:

On steamers—	
Cabin	288
Steerage	1,091
On sailing vessels—	
Cabin	0
Steerage	816
Total	2,195

Crew on arriving steamers inspected.....	3,781
Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected.....	1,624
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	0
Persons vaccinated	148
Steamers disinfected	6
Sailing vessels disinfected	1
Vessels fumigated to exterminate vermin	7
Vessels detained in quarantine	0
Cases of quarantinable diseases detected on vessels.....	0

PORT OF ILOILO.

Bills of health issued:

To steamers for—	
United States ports	1
Foreign ports	6
Domestic ports	71
To sailing vessels for—	
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	0
Domestic ports	200
Total	278

Vessels inspected:

Steamers from—	
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	7
Domestic ports	72
Sailing vessels from—	
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	0
Domestic ports	112
Total	191

Passengers on arriving boats inspected:

On steamers—	
Cabin	361
Steerage	1,040
On sailing vessels—	
Cabin	0
Steerage	287
Total	1,688
Crew on arriving steamers inspected.....	2,714
Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected.....	1,202
Persons vaccinated	254
Persons bathed and effects disinfected	9
Persons detained in quarantine	9
Cases of quarantinable diseases detected on vessels, smallpox	1
Vessels disinfected	1
Vessels fumigated to exterminate vermin	2
Vessels detained in quarantine	2

PORT OF JOLO.

Bills of health issued:

To steamers for—	
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	2
Domestic ports	16
To sailing vessels for—	
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	0
Domestic ports	8
Total	26

Vessels inspected:

Steamers from—		
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	3
Domestic ports	24
Sailing vessels from—		
United States ports	0
Foreign ports	0
Domestic ports	11
Total	38
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Passengers on arriving boats inspected:

On steamers—		
Cabin	143
Steerage	452
On sailing vessels—		
Cabin	4
Steerage	10
Total	609
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Persons vaccinated	0
Crew on arriving steamers inspected	1,140
Crew on arriving sailing vessels inspected	85
Vessels in quarantine	0

TURKEY.

Report from Bagdad—Cholera.

Vice-Consul Hürner forwards the following under date of July 7:

Weekly sanitary bulletin.

	Cases.	Deaths.		Cases.	Deaths.
Bagdad	4	4	Hilla	1	1
Razemein	1	1	Divanich	25	51
Amard	23	9	Hinöich	2	1
Kerbela	42	205	Salahich	2	2
Nedjef	33	33	Kouffa	11	8
Messieb	1	1	Baksuba	5	2
Samara	1	1		1	1

No report has been received relative to the cholera situation in Bassora.

Report from Maskat—Outbreak of Cholera.

Deputy Consul Fazel reports, July 12, as follows:

Within the last two weeks cholera has broken out in several small villages of Oman.

Many of the people in the interior left these villages when the disease had taken hold and came to Maskat, but fortunately proper steps were taken by the Sultan's medical officer, and few of them escaped quarantine.

So far 3 or 4 cases only have terminated fatally in this town and there have been few serious cases in the adjacent town of Muttra.

The authorities have taken great precautions to arrest the spread of the epidemic, and, in my opinion, it can not be considered of great danger so far and will probably be short lived.